

he California Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) are two major products of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transportation planning and programming processes. The CTP is California's long-range transportation planning policy document. Updated every five years, the CTP is not project specific; rather, it shapes the State's transportation vision for the next 20 years or more. The FSTIP is a four-year program of prioritized transportation projects compiled from local and regional long-range plans. The FSTIP reflects the State's transportation vision and goals laid out both in the CTP and in local and regional long-range plans.

Creating the CTP and the FSTIP involves ongoing public feedback. With the public's help, Caltrans developed this Public Participation Plan (PPP) in order to provide the framework for how to engage the general public and stakeholders



during the development of the CTP and the FSTIP. Truly meaningful public involvement requires an informed public. Therefore, educating the public on how transportation decisions are made in California will be at the forefront of CTP and FSTIP public outreach activities.

## **Transportation Planning**

The process of identifying transportation problems and looking for solutions to those problems.

**Transportation Program**ming The committment of transportation funds (available over a period of several years) to particular projects.